

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please enter the following amendments without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 1, line 5, with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. application 09/802,359, filed March 9, 2001, now abandoned, which in turn claims the priority benefit of U.S. Provisional application 60/188,303, filed March 10, 2000, each of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 41, line 21, with the following paragraph:

Examples of viral antigens useful in the subject compositions and methods using the compositions include, but are not limited to, HIV antigens. Such antigens include, but are not limited to, those antigens derived from HIV envelope glycoproteins including, but not limited to, gp160, gp120 and gp41. Numerous sequences for HIV genes and antigens are known. For example, the Los Alamos National Laboratory HIV Sequence Database collects, curates and annotates HIV nucleotide and amino acid sequences. This database is accessible ~~via the internet, at <http://hiv-web.lanl.gov/>, and~~ in a yearly publication, see Human Retroviruses and AIDS Compendium (for example, 1998 edition).